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1. The Chief Highway Directorate (Glavnoye Dorozhnoye Upravleniye - GlavDorUpr) of the Ukrainian SSR was a government agency responsible for the construction and maintenance of all oblast and rayon roads in the territory of the Ukrainian SSR. Organized sometime before World War II, it was directly subordinate to the Council of Ministers, Ukrainian SSR, and had its offices at 77 Saksoganskaya Street, Kiev. (In Carpathian Oblast, which was incorporated into the USSR at the end of World War II, rayons were still referred to as okrugs; regardless of the fact that they were normally much larger than rayons, the Carpathian okrugs were considered rayons in all administrative respects.) Responsibility for construction and maintenance of All-Union and Ukrainian Republic highways lay with another organization which I believe was called the Highways Administration 50X1

2. GlavDorUpr /Enclosure A/ worked through 17 oblast road administrations /Enclosure B/ attached to the oblast executive committees (ispolkom) of the Communist Party. These oblast administrations in turn had their subordinate agencies at the rayon executive committee level of the CP. Requests for construction or repair of oblast or rayon roads were always sent for study through official channels to GlavDorUpr, which approved, disapproved, or revised them. Approved projects were forwarded to the Council of Ministers, Ukrainian SSR, where a final approval was granted and the necessary funds appropriated.

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3. Except for the small number of technicians and skilled laborers, the oblast and rayon road administrations did not normally have any permanent road construction units or brigades. Common labor for road construction and repair was usually supplied by the kolkhozy through whose territories the roads went. These workers were requested from kolkhozy by the responsible oblast and rayon executive committees of the CP, and they were paid by the kolkhozy themselves. Construction materials were supplied by the Trust of Industrial Enterprises [redacted], a subordinate agency of the Chief Highway Directorate in charge of all stone quarries within the Ukrainian SSR.

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4. The organization of GlavDorUpr /Enclosure A/ was as follows:

a. Chief of the Administration was Eng. Mikhail Feodorovich DOVGAL'; his First Deputy was Aleksey IVANOV; Second Deputy, referred to as Chief Engineer, was Eng. Ivan Andreyevich KOBERNECHENKO.

b. Subordinate to the First Deputy were the following sections:

(1) Organization Section (Organizatsionnyy Otdel), employing about 30 persons. This section was responsible for all organizational matters within the Chief Highway Directorate and subordinate regional oblast and rayon administrations.

(2) Planning Section (Planovyy Otdel), employing about 25 persons. This section was charged with preparation of annual, quarterly, and monthly production and financial plans for construction and repair work, as well as supervision of compliance with these plans. It was also responsible for setting the work norms and registering the work hours.

(3) Accounting Section (Bukhgalteriya), employing 16 persons. This section was responsible for all accounting work connected with payments for materials used by and work performed by subordinate road administrations. The section had several inspectors who were sent periodically to the oblast road administrations to check their financial activity and accounts; from time to time similar inspections were carried out by the state control (GosKontrol') inspectors from Moscow.

c. Subordinate to the Second Deputy (Chief Engineer) were the following sections:

(1) Technical Section (Tekhnicheskiy Otdel), which employed about 10 persons. This section was responsible for technical planning, construction and repair, and technical supervision. At the same time this section supervised the utilization of road construction machines assigned to the various oblast road administrations; it was responsible for initiating actions for acquisition of new machinery, requests for which were submitted through the Supply and Sale Section /paragraph 4d (3) below/ to the Council of Ministers, Ukrainian SSR.

(2) Geological Research and Exploration Section (Geologo - Razvedochno - Izyskatel'nyy Otdel). Chief of this section was (fnu) SHWARZMAN. Most of the section's 25 - 30 employees were engineers and technicians. The section worked in close cooperation with the Technical Section and was responsible for all geological research and exploration connected with road construction. It was charged with

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surveying, and laying out roads, determining soil types, calculation of earth works, and suggestions as to technical objects (bridges, tunnels, viaducts, etc.) to be constructed on the road. In addition to all of this, the section conducted research and exploration work for all new stone quarries to be organized within the Trust of Industrial Enterprises, Chief Highway Directorate.

(3) Projects and Estimates Section (ProektDor). Head, unknown to me, had approximately 10 engineers and technicians working in this section. On the basis of data received from the geological research and exploration section, this section prepared final plans for construction and repair, all technicaldrawings and blueprints necessary for construction.

d. Directly subordinate to the Chief of the Chief Highway Directorate were these additional sections:

(1) Personnel Section, Chief of which was Mrs. (fnu) LEVITSKAYA. About seven employees worked in this section which was in charge of all personnel matters of the Chief Highway Directorate and oblast administrations.

(2) Labor and Wage Section, which employed five or six persons who handled all matters connected with the organization of labor and wages.

(3) Supply and Sale Section (Otdel Snabzheniya i Sbyta), which had five to seven employees and was responsible for supplying oblast road administrations with all technical materials and machinery, and with organizing the sale of construction materials to oblast and rayon road administrations by stone quarries subordinate to the Trust of Industrial Enterprises.

5. In addition to supervising the 17 oblast road administrations (one for each oblast of the Ukrainian SSR) and the Trust of Industrial Enterprises, the Chief Highway Directorate also had under its jurisdiction an agency called the Road Construction Materials Supply Depot of the Chief Highway Directorate (Ukrainskoye Dorozhnoye Snabzheniye Glavnogo Dorozhnogo Upravleniya -- UkrDorSnab GDU). This depot was located at No. 2 Pecherskiy Pereulok in Kiev and was made up of several warehouses and outdoor stockpiles containing various construction materials, prefabricated bridges, steel bars and plates, pipes, cement, asphalt, road construction machinery, trucks, motor vehicles, spare parts, and machinery and equipment for stone quarries. The oblast road administrations and stone quarries drew their materials and equipment from this depot. Payments were effected through transfers of funds at the state bank or one of its 50X1

6. I remember the following types of machinery as having been used for road construction by the Chief Highway Directorate:

a. DIS-147 scraper with a bucket capacity of seven cubic meters. As prime mover for this scraper a Stalinets-S-80 tractor was used. The DIS-147 scraper had appeared for the first time in 1950, when, so I heard, it was first manufactured. There were also several older types of scrapers with which I was not familiar.

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b. Self-propelled, OM-201 excavator with a bucket capacity of one cubic meter. This was a pre-World War II type excavator. There were also several other types of excavators, bulldozers, concrete mixers, and other machines with which I was not at all familiar.

c. Trucks used for road construction were mostly self-unloading; there were the 4-ton ZIS-150, the ZIS-151, and the ZIS-152, and the self-unloading 1½-ton GAZ-93. In addition to these, quite a number of the conventional ZIS-150, 151 and 152 trucks were used for the transportation of construction materials.

Enclosures:

A. Organizational Chart Chief Highway Directorate at the Council of Ministers, Ukr. SSR.

B. Regional Road Administrations of the Chief Highway Directorate, Ukr. SSR.

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